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JAPAN'S COMMERCIAL COMMISSIONERS

The honorary commercial commissioners of Japan spent four days in Chicago, saw what they desired to see, and were formally entertained by the association at a banquet of unusual distinction. Then these representative men passed eastward, and Chicago forgot. But not so these remarkable investigators, who are now well on their way on the return loop of their itinerary, and are due to reach San Francisco Nov. 20, and sail four days later.

It is perhaps not realized how opportune, even how necessary were the association's courtesies to these visitors, and how much of an oversight it would have been to have neglected every reasonable hospitality. This becomes apparent as one follows their tour through the east, and notes the nature of their reception in city after city. Everywhere they have been received as dignitaries whose mission requires studied consideration. In New York several organizations, including its eminent chamber of commerce, contributed to the program of their entertainment. In Washington Secretary Knox was the leading speaker at a banquet; in industrial centers they have inspected the fundamental sources of the country's power and prowess, and nowhere have the little yellow men, led by a diminutive giant in the septuagenarian Baron Shibusawa, pleaded for relief or dropped from the running.

Nowhere perhaps has a prettier surprise been sprung for their gratification as Japanese patriots than occurred in the mint in Philadelphia. According to the Philadelphia Inquirer it was this way:

"It was Baron Shibusawa who placed a disc of gold, three inches in diameter and an inch in thickness, in a hydraulic press at the mint, and then led his colleagues in a joyful 'banzai' when S. E. Hart, foreman of the medal department, drew it forth with an inscription commemorative of the visit of the Japanese here stamped upon it.

"The gold medal will be sent to the emperor of Japan with the compliments of President Taft, whose profile, with the inscription, 'William H. Taft, President of the United States,' was stamped on the obverse side, while on the reverse side appeared, in English and Japanese, the words, 'Visit of the Honorable Commission of Japan to the United States, October, 1909,' surrounded by the replica of an olive wreath.

"The baron voiced the appreciation of his companions and himself of the tribute paid to the emperor and the commission by the United States government in presenting the medal, to the ruler of the 'Flowery Kingdom,' and said that nowhere in the country had he or they been shown greater hospitality than they had already experienced here. The pleasure of the commissioners was increased by the presentation to each of them of a silver replica of the gold medal that is now on its way to the Japanese emperor."

Before this commission passes from view, and temporarily from memory, it may be worth while to recall Japan's first visit to the United States, described by the Washington Post:

"The present visit of the Japanese commissioners recalls the fact that nearly fifty years ago the first delegation from the island kingdom to the United States was received in this city with the most distinguished honors. It was during the administration of President Buchanan. In 1854 Commodore Perry, at the head of a naval expedition, had visited Japan and succeeded in making a treaty with that government. Japan soon saw the importance of friendly commercial relations with the United States, and in 1860 sent here a delegation, consisting of four of the highest nobles of the kingdom and a large retinue of officers and servants. They reached Washington on the 17th of May, and were received with great ceremony by the president and secretary of state. They brought with them a new treaty, inclosed in a box of fine gold beautifully wrought.

"It was an imposing procession that went from Willard's to the White House on that spring morning in 1860. It consisted of the ministers and their suite, escorted by United States marines and ordnance guards. The arrangements for the reception by the president had been made so as to impress the visitors with the fact that this country regarded it as a mark of distinguished honor that the first delegation to leave the island to visit a foreign country should select the United States as its place of visit.

"The members of the cabinet and a number of high officers of the army and navy were present in the reception room. General Scott, the head of the army, was arrayed in full uniform of his rank, and as the Japanese stood before him and looked upon his towering form they must have been impressed by the difference in the stature between the Americans and the people of their own country. This was the beginning of the movement modernizing Japan, and at the time was regarded as a triumph of American diplomacy."

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M. Pruger, the former manager of the fashionable and gay Savoy Hotel in London, has come, at a salary of \$50,000, to conduct a restaurant in New York.

Discussing success with a reporter M. Pruger said:

"Success, leaving aside thorough practical ability, which we may take for granted—success depends on tact, on sympathy.

"I'll illustrate this with an episode: 'A Manchester man took his wife to the Palace music hall. The Palace girls came on and did their notable 'dance aux jambes dans l'air,' or 'dance of the uplifted limbs,' as one might say in English.

"The Manchester woman regarding this dance, sniffed.

"Well that beats me," she said.

"Without either sympathy or tact her husband chuckled;

"You bet it does!"—Exchange.

CONVICTED OF MURDER.

EASIN, Wyo., Nov. 11.—The jury in the case of Herbert L. Brink, one of the seven cattlemen charged with the murder of three sheepmen in the Hensleep country, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree today. The verdict carries a death sentence.

Thomas Dixon, another cattleman, charged with complicity in the Allen murder, will be placed on trial at once.

The Court granted Brink's lawyers ten days to file motion for a new trial.

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